The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I shall make enquiries."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know why the opinion of our own veterinary officers should not be called for in regard to the opening of our own depots here ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Government themselves have asked for a report from the Director of Veterinary Services."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" In regard to this question is it not desirable to take the opinion of our own officers who are conversant with the climatic conditions, etc., rather than take the opinion of the Director at Muktesar ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I say we are asking the opinion of our own Director."

Protection against rinderpest.

* 161 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether serum-alone method is still in vogue in this Presidency as a protection against rinderpest ;

(*b*) to what extent serum-simultaneous method has been introduced in the various parts of the Presidency and with what establishments ;

(*c*) where the virus and serum are prepared ;

(*d*) what quantity of each is required and what the approximate cost of each will be for their use in the year 1929-30 ; and

(*e*) what steps are taken for keeping and ordering the stock required in cases of urgency ?

A.—(*a*) Yes ; only in areas where compulsory inoculation is enforced under the Cattle Disease Act.

(*b*) Up to May 1929, 16,784 animals were protected against rinderpest by serum-simultaneous method. Till now 389,550 doses of special rinderpest serum for serum-simultaneous inoculations have been spent. Five new appointments of District Veterinary Officers have been sanctioned to carry on these inoculations on a large scale. All the district staff and in particular the itinerating staff attend to inoculation work whenever necessary.

(*c*) Virus is prepared at the laboratory attached to the Madras Veterinary College. The serum is obtained from the Imperial Institute of Veterinary Research, Muktesar, and occasional supplies from the Mysore Serum Institute, Bangalore.

(*d*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to clauses (*e*) and (*f*) of question 160.

(*e*) All veterinary sera and vaccines are now being stocked in the cold room at the King Institute, Guindy, and issued to the staff as they indent for them.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire, with reference to clause (*a*), why the serum-simultaneous method cannot be used in the areas where the Cattle Diseases Act is enforced ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Because the serum-simultaneous method is adopted in more urgent cases where the rinderpest is actually raging."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know whether the Minister is aware that the serum-alone method has been condemned by our own Veterinary Conference as well as by the Agricultural Commission presided over by Lord Linlithgow on the ground that it is useless and that the serum-simultaneous method should be used in all cases? In the face of this recommendation. . . "

The hon. the President :—" If the hon. Member stops there, it will be a supplemental question. If however he proceeds further, it will not be."

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I am aware, Sir, but it cannot be helped."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" I want to know whether it is the intention of the Government to enforce the Act and waste money and submit the poor ryot and dumb animals to a risky method which has been pronounced to be useless by everybody. "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" We are trying our level best in this direction, Sir."

Public Health

Location of the tuberculosis hospital.

* 162 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to my question 1504 answered on 26th February 1929 will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what decision has been arrived at as to the location of the tuberculosis hospital at or near Madras ;

(*b*) what action has been taken on Dr. Muthu's application for a grant in connexion with his tuberculosis hospital ;

(*c*) what arrangements are provided for treatment of tuberculosis cases in other places than Madras, Rajahmundry and Madanapalle mentioned in the answer, either by Government or by local bodies, and if by the latter, with what grant-in-aid ; and

(*d*) whether Government have in contemplation a comprehensive scheme for treatment of tuberculosis cases in a number of centres ?

A.—(*a*) The Government are considering the question.

(*b*) The Government have refused to comply with Dr. Muthu's request for a grant.

(*c*) Tuberculosis patients are treated in every Government hospital in the Presidency.

(*d*) No.

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar :—" With regard to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know whether orders have since been passed in respect of the construction of the building on the site selected ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Orders have been passed even in February."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar :—" May I know, with reference to clause (*b*), on what grounds the application was refused ? "